

SELF-DRIVE HOLIDAYS IN THAILAND

GENERAL

We offer very favorable car-rental rates for exclusive self-drive holiday makers in Thailand. We offer two aspects of self-drive program, by holiday makers own travel plans with a minimum of three days car rental, and by the eight prearranged itineraries including car rental and hotel accommodation with different routes to the central, north and south of Thailand. In complete contrast to the sometimes chaotic traffic situation in Bangkok, travel on upcountry roads all over Thailand is indeed most enjoyable and traffic is relatively light. It is usually not much of a problem for foreign tourists to acquaint to driving on the left side of the road, and Thai people are known to be most helpful in case of any break-downs or other problems.

Driving in Thailand

Thailand has a good up-to-date network of well maintained roads and highways between all main centers. Much of the north-south route is dual carriage way. Road signage follows international convention and is in both Thai and English. Night driving is not recommended on the open road due to heavy truck traffic, who tend to have a poor respect for cars. Motor bikes can on occasion be a hazard, particularly as they are often ridden into oncoming traffic. Driving on the more major routes outside Bangkok and around resort areas is both a safe and an enjoyable experience. A self-drive holiday offers the opportunity to experience wonderful Thai culture and the opportunity for travelers to stop as long as they like at the many points of interest in the Kingdom.

Fuel Availability and Prices

All Budget cars in Thailand use unleaded petrol, which is sold by liter and freely available throughout Thailand. The petrol prices generally ranges between Baht 25.- to Baht 27.- per liter. Fuel stations are plentiful and most of the larger ones accept major international credit cards. In more remote locations cash is required.

Road Rules

Thais drive on the left hand side of the road. The maximum speed limit in cities and towns is 60 km/h (35 mp/h) and varies between 100 and 120 km/h (60-72 mp/h) on expressways and country roads. Police regularly checks motorists speed. Wearing of seat belts is compulsory and rinks driving laws apply. All insurance is invalid if drivers exceed the legal alcohol limit.

Driver License

All drivers must hold a current, non-probationary license. The license may either be Thai, or from a renter's country of residence (with an English translation), or an international drivers permit. License (and a valid passport) must be carried at all times when driving.

Age

Budget Car and Truck Rental of Thailand require drivers to be at least 21 years of age.

LOCATIONS

Airport Procedure

Due to a current monopoly situation on in-terminal desks, Budget meets all customers with a prominent sign outside the airport terminals (at the hotel and resort reception areas). We guarantee to meet all

reserved bookings off scheduled incoming and departing flights and we meet all other flights at Chiang Mai and Phuket. There are no additional fees or taxes for renters picking up or returning cars at Thai airports.

After Hours

We provide services for all confirmed reservations from airport locations. Vehicles must be picked up or returned within office hours unless prior arrangements have been made with the appropriate office. Our free delivery and pick up service to other than airports also only operates during office hours.

BUDGET CAR FLEETS

Passengers Cars

Passenger cars are on the fleet for no longer than two years, and feature the latest products from Honda, Toyota, and Chrysler, etc. All of the Budget fleet is air-conditioned, is fitted with AM/FM radio cassettes and has power steering.

Mini Vans

For customers traveling as a group or with friend, Budget has a range of 12 and 15 seats Ford and Toyota mini vans available on request. These vehicles are comfortably appointed with dual air-conditioning.

SERVICES AND ACCESSORIES

Free Delivery and Pick-Up

To help our customers getting their trip off to a relaxing start, we are happy to deliver their vehicle to their hotel or other accommodation place within the metropolitan area of all locations at no extra charge. Please note that hotel deliveries must be prebooked at the time of reservation. A free pick-up service is also available within the metropolitan area of the Budget location where the vehicle is to be dropped.

Touring Maps

Quality touring maps of Thailand are available free of charge to customers at the time of rental by Budget.

Emergency Assistance

Budget offers a 24 hours emergency assistance service on telephone number (01) 239-4992. This number will ensure appropriate assistance is arranged by the quickest means to meet the customers' requirements. Please note that puncture repairs, lock outs, and out of fuel calls will be charged to the renter at the time of service.

Accessories

Baby seats suitable for children six months to three years are available at all locations, but they should be prebooked at the time of reservation. The seats will be charged at Baht 100.- per day to a maximum of Baht 500.- per rental. Baby capsules for infants under six months are not available.

ONE WAY RENTAL CONDITIONS

One Way Rental Service (3+Days Program)

A "Rent Here - Leave There" service is available free of charge for minimum 3 days rental between all Budget location in Thailand on all listed vehicle types.

Cross Border Traffic

Vehicles hired are not permitted outside the Kingdom of Thailand. Failure to comply with this requirement will void all insurance coverage.

INSURANCES/BONDS/EXCESSES

Motor Vehicle Insurance

Daily rental rates include vehicle insurance and third party liability, including property cover, and Loss Damage Waiver (LDW). Please note that an excess applies to all rentals. If a customer is involved in an accident or there is a loss that cannot be recovered from a third party, they will need to pay a Baht 5,000.- excess. Insurance coverage is subject to the terms and conditions of the rental agreement, but follows generally accepted international standards.

Terms and Condition on the Rental Agreement for Use

The wording on the rental agreement for use is as follows:

- 3) Use Restrictions: The Vehicle will not be used or operated by anyone:
 - A) who is an Authorized Driver;
 - B) who allows more passengers to occupy the Vehicle than there are seat belts or who does not require all occupants to comply with applicable seat-belt and child-restraint laws;
 - C) off regularly maintained and paved roadways; outside the Kingdom of Thailand;
 - D) who leave the Vehicle and fails to remove the keys, close and lock all doors and close all windows and the truck, or otherwise aids in vandalism or theft of the Vehicle;
 - E) who does not know how to operate a manual transmission (if Vehicle has manual transmission);
 - F) when continued operation of the Vehicle is likely to cause damage to the Vehicle; to engage in any speed contest;
 - G) to carry people or property for hire (unless otherwise agreed by Budget); to push anything; to tow anything;
 - H) who improperly fuels the Vehicle (gasoline in a diesel-powered vehicle or diesel fuel in a gasoline-powered vehicle); who improperly loads the Vehicle or transport weight exceeding the Vehicle's maximum capacity; to carry hazardous or explosive substances;
 - I) if the Vehicle is obtained upon the basis of false or misleading information;
 - J) who, as a result of reckless misconduct, damages the Vehicle or causes personal injury or property damage to other;
 - K) while intoxicated or under the influence of any substance that impairs driving ability;
 - L) during the commission of a felony or for the transportation of illegal drugs or contraband;
 - M) where insufficient height or width exists.

- 4) Vehicle Loss and Damage: Rental is not responsible for vehicle loss or damage caused by acts of God or accidental fire that is not the result of a collision

.... if there is a violation of a use restriction, LDW is void and renter is responsible for all vehicle loss and damage, related expense, loss of use, and an administrative charge as described above.

5) Liability Protection: If there is no violation of a use restriction (paragraph 3), Budget provided automobile liability protection to authorized drivers for causing bodily injury (including death) and property damage to others resulting from use of the Vehicle....

Personal Accident and Effects (PAE) Insurance

Personal Accident and Effects Insurance coverage is available for drivers with protection up to Baht 1million available at Baht 100.- per day. This insurance can be purchased with Budget when collecting the vehicle.

Bond

For all vehicles, a rental bond of Baht 5,500.- is to be paid directly to Budget at the commencement of the rental. This amount is reimbursable in full on return of the vehicle providing it has a full fuel tank, and there is no damage or loss to the vehicle. This bond can be paid on arrival by any major international credit card (American Express, Visa, MasterCard, Diners Club, or JCB), by cash in Thai Baht or travelers cheque.

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Vehicle Type

All rental are subject to the terms and conditions on the rental agreement. Only vehicle categories as opposed to model types can be confirmed at the time of booking.

Minimum Rental

Minimum rental periods are 3 days (24 hours period) from the time of the vehicle is collected or leaves the Budget location for delivery. The hourly rate after 24 hours is one-fifth of the applicable daily rate.

Rental Extension

Should a renter wish to extend the rental, then it is recommended that such a request be made at the renting Budget office as soon as possible so that every effort can be made to accommodate the request. Any extension of rental must be paid at local rates to the nearest Budget location prior to the extended rental period commencing.

Return of Vehicle

The return of a vehicle prior to the nominated date does not entitle the renter to any refund on the unused portion of the originally agreed rental cost.

For charges due to a late drop off, please refer to the table below:

Return Time after schedule drop-off	0-59 minutes	1:00-1:59 hours	2:00-2:59 hours	3:00-3:59 hours	4:00-4:59 hours	5:00 hours plus
Proportion of Daily Rate Charges	Free	1/5	2/5	3/5	4/5	5/5

If a vehicle is dropped five or more hours after the prescribed time, a further full day's charge will be made and paid directly to Budget.

Reservation Checklist

When making your reservation, check that you provide the following points:

1. Client's name.
2. Type of vehicle required (please use SIPP booking codes).
3. Date and time of pick-up.
4. Location of clients' pick-up, airline and flight details if at an airport, or delivery location.
5. Date and time of vehicle return.
6. Location of vehicle return, pick-up address if required.
7. Number of passengers (number of adults and children).
8. Any accessories or special requirements.

Availability

Every endeavor will be made to provide a specific vehicle make if indicated on a reservation and voucher. However, Budget can only guarantee a vehicle category i.e. a FCAR as opposed to a Honda Accord. If for any reason the reserved/booked vehicle is not available, Budget reserves the right to substitute a comparable or superior vehicle at no cost to the customer. Such action by Budget does not constitute a breach of the vehicle conditions/ contract and does not entitle the renter to any refund. If no alternative vehicle is available, Budget's liability is limited to return of all payments made.
